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Dear Hal,

Just a few brief words before I return to San Francisco.

On the way back from Washington, I stopped off at Vince Salandria's place for the evening together with Garry. I stayed on and left the next morning by train.

Several items that Vince pointed out may interest you and I'll list them here:

First, I understand that Dave Lifton's piece on the Thornley affair is to appear in a future issue of "Atlantic Monthly". (This appears to confirm Lifton's statement to me that his article would appear in some "establishment" type of magazine he refused to name). I don't have all my finger-tips but can when I return to S.F. (Aug. 31st) information about the publisher or editor of "Atlantic Monthly" being tied in with the whole national security complex. Remind me to send you this on my return.

Vince also said that Lofkin was doing an article for the "New York Review" on the Epstein "New-Yorker" article. I know nothing more of the details of this or when it will appear.

If you have any friends who have ham radio sets you might ask them to tune in and hear someone using the code name of either "Mickey Mouse" or "Donald Duck" while transmitting. I understand this is Vaganov who seems to be doing financially very well these days.

Vince convinced me that Epstein knew as far back

as 1965 that the assassination of JFK was a CIA-plot and has always believed so. It would be good to get this in writing when he is confronted on his book and/or article.

I hope by now you have received those Commission documents I ordered on August 14th. If you can, would you please send the copies on to Paul Hoch and I'll get them from him when I return on August 31st. (You can still write me at the Irvington address until that date but after I'll be on the West Coast).

One more bit of information I learned of which you can pass on to Fensterwald: concerning the "Bingo" man. Here are some particulars:

THEODORE C. SLACK - present rank = Lt. Commander, File# 588100. Received rank on July 1, 1966. Born in 1931. Entered service on May 9, 1948, Register # 320417 00.

He is a Special Duty Officer - Naval Intelligence and an officer of the Naval Reserve.

Hope this will keep you apprised of what I've learned to date. I'll keep you posted from San Francisco on my return.

Regards to your wife in the meantime and thanks for the great time both Gary and I had while we stayed at your place.

Best,
Hal Verb

P.S. The Sept. issue of "Confidential" has a letter reply from an unnamed friend of Clay Shaw. Who is he? Palmer should know.